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EPA AWARDS \$2 MILLION IN ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION GRANTS

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Acting Administrator Marianne Horinko today announced over \$2 million in environmental information grants to four states, the District of Columbia and two Native American tribes. This is the first phase of fiscal year 2003 funding for ongoing work on the National Environmental Information Exchange Network, which enables sharing of environmental data between EPA, states, tribes and other partners over the Internet. When completed, the Exchange Network will integrate state and federal environmental data, facilitate the reporting of data to EPA Headquarters by the states, and improve data quality.

“The Report on the Environment indicated areas where more data is required to make important environmental assessments,” said Horinko. “One of the biggest obstacles to states and private companies reporting data to EPA is incompatible computer systems that do not allow the smooth transfer of data on-line. The grants announced today allow states and tribes to continue important work in resolving technology transfer issues, with the long-term goal of a national environmental management system that gives both EPA and all citizens the best environmental data possible.”

The Exchange Network fosters the principles of the President’s e-government initiative, which uses Internet technology to streamline reporting, improve the delivery of timely and reliable data to citizens and increase cooperation among federal, state, and tribal authorities.

The following states and tribes will receive grants this week:

- North Dakota Department of Health, Environmental Health Section, One Stop Grant of \$500,000
- District of Columbia Department of Health, One Stop Grant of \$500,000
- Delaware Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control, Readiness Grant of \$297,700
- Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Readiness Grant of \$297,700
- Maryland Department of the Environment, Readiness Grant of \$297,700
- Cherokee Nation (Okla.), Challenge Grant of \$190,000
- Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe (N.Y.), Readiness Grant of \$100,000.

More information on the different types of grants and EPA’s National Environmental Information Exchange Network is available at: <http://www.epa.gov/Networkg/>

**OFFICE OF INFORMATION COLLECTION:
Environmental Information Exchange Network Grant**

EPA's FY 2003 Appropriations Bill contained \$20 million for grants to be used in partnership with States, Tribes, and Territories to advance the Environmental Information Exchange Network (Exchange Network).

Purpose

The goal of the Exchange Network Grant Program is to advance the Exchange Network and to support State and other partners' data integration efforts. Funding will be provided through grants to States, Trust Territories, and Tribes to provide core capacity capabilities as well as to promote Exchange Network participation.

Available Funding:
Approximately \$15M was made available for Network One Stop and Network Readiness Grants. Approximately \$2M was made available for Network Challenge Grants. Approximately \$1M was made available for Network Administration Grants and approximately \$2M set-aside for Tribes. approximately \$1.9M. established at \$2M.

Background

By September 2003, EPA will distribute \$20 million for grants in the second year of the Exchange Network Grant Program to 44 states, 18 tribes and two U.S. territories to work with EPA in developing the Exchange Network.

The grant guidance for FY 03 contained the following components:

- **Network One Stop Grants** - Grant funds will be dedicated to advance readiness to participate effectively in the Exchange Network. This last year of funding for One Stop grants will met EPA's commitment to provide funding for the One Stop Program.

These grants are open to States, Tribes, and Territories that have not previously received a One Stop Grant. Funds are intended to support the broader goals of the One Stop program which were to:

- Reduce the reporting burden on industry, States, and local governments;
 - Foster multimedia (air, water, waste) and geographic approaches to problem solving;
 - Provide the public with meaningful, real-time access to environmental data;
 - Improve Stakeholder participation.
- **Network Readiness Grants** - Grant funds will be dedicated to support specific capacity building for Network participation.

These grants are open to States, Tribes, and Territories and must clearly identify core capacity building functions they plan to undertake to participate in the Exchange Network.

- **Network Challenge Grants** - Grant funds will be provided, through a competitive process, for any group of States, Tribes, and Territories to work collaboratively to promote the development of Network-related components with a broad benefit to all Network participants.

These grants are open to States, Tribes, and Territories. Projects must advance the functionality of the Exchange Network through the immediate flow of higher quality environmental data; create a model that could be easily implemented, have broad applicability, and be readily transferable to a wide group of Exchange Network participants; achieve burden reduction in both reporting and accessing information; provide increased public access to environmental data; and involve collaboration throughout the project.

- **Network Administration Grants** - Provides funding to support technical and administrative functions of the Exchange Network for State, Tribes, and Territories.

Achievements

- One Stop Base line Visits - Ongoing.
- Final FY 2003 Guidance published December 2002.
- For FY 2003, EPA received a total of 117 applications by March 18, 2003.

- For FY 2003, EPA will award a total of 68 applications by September 30, 2003.

Future Actions

- An EPA/State meeting will take place September 4, 2003 to discuss potential changes to the FY 04 guidance.
- EPA will revise the guidance for FY 04 and plans to publish in December 2003 Federal Register.

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**FY 2003 Exchange Network Grant Program
Office of Environmental Information
Final Awards - September 2003**

Challenge State Grants

California - Environmental Protection Agency	\$1,000,000
Delaware - Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control	\$378,000
Maine - Department of Environmental Protection	\$494,000
Total Challenge State Grants: 3	\$1,872,000

Challenge Tribe Grants

Board of Regents for and on behalf of Northern Arizona University - Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals	\$190,000
Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes - Native Lands and Resources	\$150,000
Cherokee Nation, Oklahoma - Office of Environmental Services	\$190,000
Coeur D'Alene Tribe of the Coeur D'Alene Reservation, Idaho - Tribal GIS Program	\$190,000
Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, Washington - Environmental Protection Agency	\$190,000
Shoshone and Arapaho Tribes of the Wind River Reservation, Wyoming - Wind River Environmental Quality Commission	\$190,000
Total Challenge Tribe Grants: 6	\$1,100,000

Readiness State Grants

Arizona - Department of Environmental Quality	\$297,700
California - Environmental Protection Agency	\$810,000
Delaware - Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control	\$297,700
Florida - Department of Environmental Protection	\$297,700
Georgia - Department of Natural Resources	\$297,700
Idaho - Department of Environmental Quality	\$297,700
Illinois - Environmental Protection Agency	\$178,600
Iowa - Department of Natural Resources	\$297,700
Kansas - Department of Health and Environment	\$297,700
Louisiana - Department of Health and Hospitals	\$237,000
Maine - Department of Environmental Protection	\$297,700
Maryland - Department of the Environment	\$297,700
Massachusetts - Department of Environmental Protection	\$178,600
Michigan - Department of Environmental Quality	\$297,000
Minnesota - Pollution Control Agency	\$297,700
Mississippi - Department of Environmental Quality	\$297,700

Missouri - Department of Natural Resources	\$297,700
Montana - Department of Environmental Quality	\$297,700
Nebraska - Department of Environmental Quality	\$400,000
New Hampshire - Department of Environmental Services	\$297,700
New Jersey - Department of Environmental Protection	\$296,600
New Mexico - Environment Department	\$297,700
New York - State Department of Environmental Conservation	\$297,700
North Carolina - Department of Environment and Natural Resources	\$178,600
Ohio - Environmental Protection Agency	\$297,700
Oklahoma - Department of Environmental Quality	\$297,700
Oregon - Department of Environmental Quality	\$287,876
Pennsylvania - Department of Environmental Protection	\$178,600
Rhode Island - Department of Environmental Management	\$74,786
South Carolina - Department of Health and Environmental Control	\$297,700
Texas - Commission on Environmental Quality	\$297,700
Utah - Department of Environmental Quality	\$297,700
Vermont - Agency of Natural Resources	\$297,700
Virginia - Department of Environmental Quality	\$178,600
Washington - Department of Ecology	\$297,700
West Virginia - Department of Health and Human Resources	\$178,600
Wisconsin - Department of Natural Resources	\$297,700
Total Readiness State Grants: 37	\$10,619,662

Readiness Territory Grants

Guam - Environmental Protection Agency	\$178,600
Puerto Rico - Environmental Quality Board	\$297,700
Total Readiness Territory Grants: 2	\$476,300

Readiness Tribe Grants

Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation, Oregon - Tribal Planning Department	\$100,000
Hualapai Indian Tribe of the Hualapai Indian Reservation, Arizona - Department of Natural Resources	\$100,000
Navajo Nation Arizona, New Mexico and Utah - Environmental Protection Agency	\$100,000
St. Regis Band of Mohawk Indians of New York - Environment Division	\$100,000
Total Readiness Tribe Grants: 4	\$400,000

One Stop State Grants

Alabama - Department of Environmental Management	\$500,000
Colorado - Department of Public Health and Environment	\$500,000

District of Columbia - Department of Health	\$500,000
Hawaii - Department of Health	\$500,000
North Dakota - Department of Health	\$500,000
South Dakota - Department of Environment and Natural Resources	\$500,000
Wyoming - Department of Environmental Quality	\$500,000
Total One Stop State Grants: 7	\$3,500,000

One Stop Tribe Grants

Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians of the Bad River Reservation, Wisconsin - Tribal Government	\$47,996
Chippewa Tribe, Minnesota, Grand Portage Band - Grand Portage Reservation Trust Lands: Natural Resources	\$47,000
Cortina Indian Rancheria of Wintun Indians of California - Environmental Protection Agency	\$48,000
Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians of California - Tribal Environmental Programs	\$48,000
La Jolla Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the La Jolla Reservation, California - Environmental Resources Office	\$47,000
Nez Perce Tribe of Idaho - Land Services	\$48,000
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community of the Salt River Reservation, Arizona - Cultural and Environmental Services	\$48,000
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska - Environmental Protection Department	\$66,000
Total One Stop Tribe Grants: 8	\$399,996

Network Administration Grant

Environmental Council of the States	\$1,000,000
Total Network Administration Grants: 1	\$1,000,000

Summary 2003 Network Grant Awards

Total Awards	\$19,367,958
Total Number of Grants	68

2003 Exchange Network Grant Funding Listed by States/Tribes

State / Tribe Name	Challenge	Readiness	One Stop
Alabama			\$500,000
Arizona		\$297,700	
Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians of the Bad River Reservation, Wisconsin			\$47,996
Board of Regents for and on behalf of Northern Arizona University - Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals	\$190,000		
California	\$1,000,000	\$810,000	
Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes	\$150,000		
Cherokee Nation, Oklahoma	\$190,000		
Chippewa Tribe, Minnesota, Grand Portage Band			\$47,000
Coeur D'Alene Tribe of the Coeur D'Alene Reservation, Idaho	\$190,000		
Colorado			\$500,000
Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, Washington	\$190,000		
Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation, Oregon		\$100,000	
Cortina Indian Rancheria of Wintun Indians of California			\$48,000
Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians of California			\$48,000
Delaware	\$378,000	\$297,700	
District of Columbia			\$500,000
Florida		\$297,700	
Georgia		\$297,700	
Guam		\$178,600	
Hawaii			\$500,000
Hualapai Indian Tribe of the Hualapai Indian Reservation, Arizona		\$100,000	
Idaho		\$297,700	
Illinois		\$178,600	
Iowa		\$297,700	
Kansas		\$297,700	
La Jolla Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the La Jolla Reservation, California			\$47,000
Louisiana		\$237,000	
Maine	\$494,000	\$297,700	
Maryland		\$297,700	
Massachusetts		\$178,600	
Michigan		\$297,000	
Minnesota		\$297,700	
Mississippi		\$297,700	
Missouri		\$297,700	
Montana		\$297,700	
Navajo Nation Arizona, New Mexico and Utah		\$100,000	
Nebraska		\$400,000	
New Hampshire		\$297,700	

New Jersey		\$296,600
New Mexico		\$297,700
New York		\$297,700
Nez Perce Tribe of Idaho		\$48,000
North Carolina		\$178,600
North Dakota		\$500,000
Ohio		\$297,700
Oklahoma		\$297,700
Oregon		\$287,876
Pennsylvania		\$178,600
Puerto Rico		\$297,700
Rhode Island		\$74,786
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community of the Salt River Reservation, Arizona		\$48,000
Shoshone and Arapaho Tribes of the Wind River Reservation, Wyoming	\$190,000	
South Carolina		\$297,700
South Dakota		\$500,000
St. Regis Band of Mohawk Indians of New York		\$100,000
Texas		\$297,700
Utah		\$297,700
Vermont		\$297,700
Virginia		\$178,600
Washington		\$297,700
West Virginia		\$178,600
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska		\$66,000
Wisconsin		\$297,700
Wyoming		\$500,000

2003 Exchange Network Grant Funding Listed by States/Tribes/ECOS

State / Tribe Name	Challenge	Readiness	One Stop	Totals
States				
Alabama			\$500,000	\$500,000
Arizona		\$297,700		\$297,700
California	\$1,000,000	\$810,000		\$1,810,000
Colorado			\$500,000	\$500,000
Delaware	\$378,000	\$297,700		\$675,700
District of Columbia			\$500,000	\$500,000
Florida		\$297,700		\$297,700
Georgia		\$297,700		\$297,700
Hawaii			\$500,000	\$500,000
Idaho		\$297,700		\$297,700
Illinois		\$178,600		\$178,600
Iowa		\$297,700		\$297,700
Kansas		\$297,700		\$297,700
Louisiana		\$237,000		\$237,000
Maine	\$494,000	\$297,700		\$791,700
Maryland		\$297,700		\$297,700
Massachusetts		\$178,600		\$178,600
Michigan		\$297,000		\$297,000
Minnesota		\$297,700		\$297,700
Mississippi		\$297,700		\$297,700
Missouri		\$297,700		\$297,700
Montana		\$297,700		\$297,700
Nebraska		\$400,000		\$400,000
New Hampshire		\$297,700		\$297,700
New Jersey		\$296,600		\$296,600
New Mexico		\$297,700		\$297,700
New York		\$297,700		\$297,700
North Carolina		\$178,600		\$178,600
North Dakota			\$500,000	\$500,000
Ohio		\$297,700		\$297,700
Oklahoma		\$297,700		\$297,700
Oregon		\$287,876		\$287,876
Pennsylvania		\$178,600		\$178,600
Rhode Island		\$74,786		\$74,786
South Carolina		\$297,700		\$297,700

South Dakota		\$500,000	\$500,000
Texas		\$297,700	\$297,700
Utah		\$297,700	\$297,700
Vermont		\$297,700	\$297,700
Virginia		\$178,600	\$178,600
Washington		\$297,700	\$297,700
West Virginia		\$178,600	\$178,600
Wisconsin		\$297,700	\$297,700
Wyoming		\$500,000	\$500,000
Guam		\$178,600	\$178,600
Puerto Rico		\$297,700	\$297,700
Tribes			
Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians of the Bad River Reservation, Wisconsin		\$47,996	\$47,996
Board of Regents for and on behalf of Northern Arizona University - Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals	\$190,000		\$190,000
Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes	\$150,000		\$150,000
Cherokee Nation, Oklahoma	\$190,000		\$190,000
Chippewa Tribe, Minnesota, Grand Portage Band		\$47,000	\$47,000
Coeur D'Alene Tribe of the Coeur D'Alene Reservation, Idaho	\$190,000		\$190,000
Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, Washington	\$190,000		\$190,000
Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation, Oregon		\$100,000	\$100,000
Cortina Indian Rancheria of Wintun Indians of California		\$48,000	\$48,000
Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians of California		\$48,000	\$48,000
Hualapai Indian Tribe of the Hualapai Indian Reservation, Arizona		\$100,000	\$100,000
La Jolla Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the La Jolla Reservation, California		\$47,000	\$47,000
Navajo Nation Arizona, New Mexico and Utah		\$100,000	\$100,000
Nez Perce Tribe of Idaho		\$48,000	\$48,000
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Shoshone and Arapaho Tribes of the Wind River Reservation, Wyoming	\$190,000		\$190,000
St. Regis Band of Mohawk Indians of New York		\$100,000	\$100,000
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska		\$66,000	\$66,000
Network Administration Grant		Network Administration	Total
Environmental Council of the States		\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
			Grand Total \$19,367,958

**Exchange Network
General Application Funding Statistics
FY2003**



	Proposals Submitted	Proposals Awarded
CHALLENGE PROPOSALS		
Number of submissions	34	9
Number of States	26	3
Number of Territories	0	0
Number of Tribes	8	6
Total amount for States	\$21,601,368	\$1,872,000
Total amount for Tribes	\$2,133,815	\$1,100,000
READINESS PROPOSALS		
Number of submissions	64	43
Number of States	54	37
Number of Territories	3	2
Number of Tribes	7	4
Total amount for States	\$20,962,382	\$10,619,662
Total amount for Territories	\$1,163,500	\$476,300
Total amount for Tribes	\$689,962	\$400,000
ONE STOP PROPOSALS		
Number of submissions	19	15
Number of States	7	7
Number of Territories	2	0
Number of Tribes	10	8
Total amount for States	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000
Total amount for Territories	\$1,000,000	\$0
Total amount for Tribes	\$1,038,754	\$399,996
ADMINISTRATION PROPOSAL		
Number of submissions	1	1
Total Amount	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000